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Governor O'Malley Signs Climate Change Legislation



House Bill 615 — to establish a Coast Smart Council — was signed into law on May 5, 2014.

To prepare Maryland for the impacts of climate change and extreme weather, Governor Martin O'Malley recently signed two pieces of legislation.

The first, the *Bay Acidification Bill*, will create a Task Force of environmental experts to study the effects of changing chemistry in the Chesapeake Bay and how that will impact our coast and shellfish industry.

The second, the *Coast Smart Council Bill*, will ensure the State follows standards to make safe and fiscally-wise investments when building or updating agency structures located in vulnerable coastal areas.

"As severe weather events grow in size and impact, and our Bay's resources are increasingly threatened, the costs of inaction to our economy, society and environment will grow exponentially," said Governor O'Malley. "This legislation helps us to get out in front of these very real, very important climate issues, and to secure the health, safety and future of our State and its citizens."



Towns such as Crisfield are vulnerable to sea level rise from increasingly intense super storms, such as Hurricane Sandy.



Annapolis Farmers' Market located at DNR



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DNR is again taking part in the Anne Arundel County Farmers' Market, held every Thursday this summer from 3 to 6 p.m. through September 4 at the Tawes State Office Building — 580 Taylor Avenue, Annapolis.

Enjoy delicious fruits, vegetables and homemade goodies, including wine, fresh strawberry popsicles and bread.

Farmers' markets support a more sustainable Maryland by encouraging citizens to buy locally-grown products. This simple act helps cut down on packaging and fuel for transport, utilizes and protects agricultural lands, supports small businesses, and keeps money circulating within the State.

Maryland Bay Game Now Available

The 17th annual Maryland Bay Game — featuring artwork from the *Color Maryland Green* contest — is now available at local libraries, State Parks, visitor centers and other locations throughout the State.

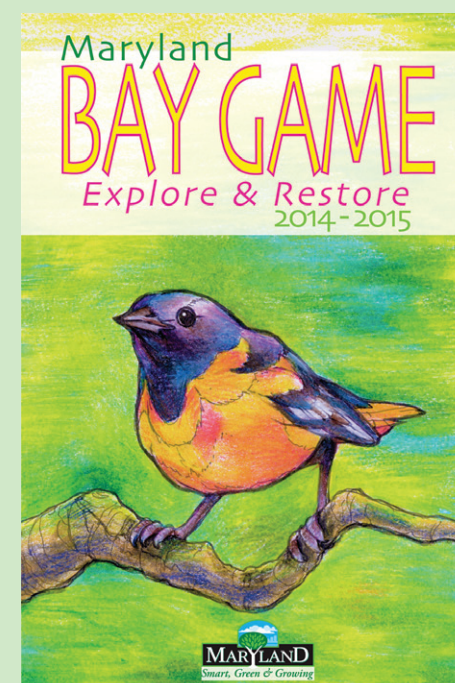
Themed *Explore & Restore*, the 2014-2015 edition focuses on how the health of our streams and the health of the Chesapeake are interconnected.

Within its pages, children and their families will find insight, tips and fun to last all year long. Classic activities include

bingo and coloring, while new games, riddles and experiments demonstrate concepts such as watersheds, stream components and rain gardens.

The book made its debut at the Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education's annual Green Schools Youth Summit, where Governor O'Malley spoke with 1,200 students and teachers about the importance of restoring the Bay.

dnr.maryland.gov/baygame



The winning entry from the *Color Maryland Green* contest dons the 2014-2015 Bay Game cover.



Governor O'Malley spends the day with students excited about environmental education.

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